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1958 SAF Rehearsals for May Day

1. Attached is a summary of the first five SAF May Day rehearsals.

2. In addition to the aircraft listed on attachment, US Air Attache' personnel observed the following aircraft on 14 April 1958:

- a. A single Bear was seen in a low climb after apparently taking off from Khimki.
- b. A large unidentified aircraft (possible Bear) was seen apparently landing at Khimki.
- c. Three large unidentified bombers were seen from a distance of 5 or 6 miles. One observer with binoculars thought the wing aircraft were hooked up to the lead aircraft for refueling.
- d. A ragged group of 10-12 unidentified bombers were seen from a distance of 8 miles.
- e. A formation 7 bombers probably either Bisons or Bears were seen from a distance of 7 miles.
- f. Five probable Flashlights were seen from a distance of 6 miles.
- g. An unidentified aircraft slightly smaller than Badger (possibly Backfin) was seen from a distance of 6 miles.
- h. One unidentified possibly delta wing aircraft was seen from a distance of 7 or 8 miles. This aircraft appeared to be smaller than Badger.

3. Three minutes after the fourth flyby 2 single unidentified fighters were observed near Tushino.

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